

The State Parks of Wisconsin

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Traditional Irish-American melody

1 Emin D

Oh, in Wis - con - sin's ear - ly day, A state park got the
 In nine - teen hun - dred and two zeros, The folks that are our
 In nine - teen ten, they bought some more, On De - vil's Lake and
 In the roar - ing twen - ties we grew more, From Mani - tou Falls to
 De - pres - sion years were not all bad. The C C C, and
 In nine - teen hun - dred and for - ty - one World war two cut
 The troops came home and need - ed rest, Filled parks in east and
 In nine - teen hun - dred and six - ty - one, Five mil - lion peop - le
 We built new parks, we built new trails. That used to be the
 The Ice Age left us kettle and kame and drum - lin - what a
 Then cam - pers came from be - yond our border; The wait - ing lines were
 O - RAP ran out, both one and two, The dollars we had just
 In nine - teen hun - dred and nine - ty - nine We opened a re - ser -
 And now we're here to Y 2 K, It's al - most all we

5 Emin Amin Emin

sen - ate's"aye," But lum - ber lob - by - ists held sway And bought it from Wis - con - sin.
 ear - ly heroes Bought a park to be there near us, On the Saint Croix in Wis - con - sin.
 Green Bay's shore. By then the Brule was a new state for - est up in north Wis - con - sin.
 Michi - gan's shore And Tow - er Hill with all its lore. We had e - le - ven park's then.
 all, we had And what they built was not just fad; It's last - ed ma - ny years now.
 into our fun, No new parks then, not a one, The workers were off to war then.
 parks in west. They found our parks a - mong the best, The state parks of Wis - con - sin.
 seek - ing fun, So the O - RAP pro - gram was the one For the state parks of Wis - con - sin.
 choo - choorails. We wea - thered floods and droughts and gales, The state parks of Wis - con - sin.
 fun - ny name. It makes us glad the gla - cier came To the state we call Wis - con - sin.
 mass dis - order. So mail in a form, we'll take it in order For a camp - site in Wis - con - sin.
 would - n't do. Steward - ship was the pro - gram new For the state parks of Wis - con - sin.
 va - tion line. Too busy at first, but now it's fine For camp - sites in Wis - con - sin
 have to say, We look to still a bet - ter day For the state parks of Wis - con - sin.

10 Refrain Emin D

Come to hike and come to camp, Come to use a boat launch ramp.

14 Emin Amin Emin

Af - ter dark the moon's your lamp In the state parks of Wis - con - sin!